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SUBJ: NATIONAL CASH REGISTER EMPLOYEE DETAINED IN ADEN

REF: STATE 124535

1. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS THAT HE VISITED ADEN
IN EARLY JUNE ON DICK CASE SINCE LEBANSES CHARGE THERE
WAS GETTING NO RESPONSES OUT OF PDRY. TECHNICALLY,
LEBANESE AMBASSADOR HERE IS NOT ACCREDITED TO ADEN
SINCE WITH VERY LITTLE TIME TO GO BEFORE RETIREMENT HE
HAS DECLINED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST THAT THE PRESENT
CREDENTIALS AND IN FACT RETURNED CREDENTIALS TO BEIRUT.
NEVERTHELESS, PDRY RECEIVED HIM AS IF HE WERE ACCREDITED.

2. FROM BOTH PDRY'S PRIMIN AND MIN STATE FOR
PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS ABDULLAH KHAMIRI, LEBANSES AMBASSA-
DOR RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT DICK WOULD BE RELEASED
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS PROVIDED
HE INNOCENT AS CLAIMED. ONLY EVIDENCE WHICH HAS BROUGHT
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HIM UNDER SUSPICION WAS EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES HE HAD MADE

WITHIN ELECTRICITY COMPANY TO WHICH AN NCR COMPUTER SOLD, REGARDING EMPLOYEE NAMES AND POSITIONS. LISTS OF THESE HAD BEEN FOUND IN HIS BRIEFCASE AFTER ARREST. DICK QUITE REASONABLY CLAIMS HE NEEDED THESE TO BE FED INTO ELECTRIC COMPANY COMPUTER TO ENABLE IT HANDLE EMPLOYEE RECORDS AND PAYROLLS.

3. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR VISITED DICK AND FOUND HIM AS WELL TREATED AS COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, IN GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION. BASED ON PROMISES FROM FONMIN AND KHAMIRI, AND CONFIDENT THAT INVESTIGATION WOULD PROVE HIS INNOCENCE, DICK WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EARLY RELEASE.

4. COMMENTING ON GENERAL SITUATION IN ADEN, LEBANESE AMBASSADOR WAS SCATHING ABOUT ADMINISTRATION'S INCOMPETENCE, CONSPIRATORIAL, MENDACIOUS ATTITUDE OF LEADERS, ETC. HE REMARKED THAT GOL-PDRY RELATIONS POOR. LEBANESE VISITORS TO PDRY ARE FREQUENTLY HARASSED ON SUSPICION THAT THEY MAY BE WESTERN AGENTS. ONE LEBANESE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF ITT, HAS BEEN JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS. ALTHOUGH PERFECTLY INNOCENT, HE WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING HIS COMPANY IN INTRIGUES AGAINST CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR FEELS THERE WOULD BE BIAS AND HARASSMENT IN CASE OF ANY AMERICAN COMPANY, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE.
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